



**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LANSING
PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH 25, 2013**

City Council Chambers
Lansing, Michigan

The City Council of the City of Lansing met in regular session and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wood

PRESENT: Council Members Boles Robinson, Dunbar, Houghton, Jeffries, Quinney, Washington, Wood

ABSENT: Council Member Yorko (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

The Council observed a moment of Meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Wood.

SPECIAL CEREMONIES

- Special Ceremonies

Mayor Bernero presented the following for his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014:

Good evening Council members and Lansing residents present tonight and watching at home.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my obligation and my honor to present the Executive Budget Recommendation for the City of Lansing for the eighth time as your Mayor.

Almost every day we see another headline about a city in distress. Detroit, Flint, Allen Park, Ecorse, Pontiac and Benton Harbor are all operating under the control of state-appointed emergency financial managers.

Let me start out by stating very clearly: There will be NO emergency financial manager for Lansing. Not on my watch.

With the support of the people of this city, we will continue the battle we've been fighting to keep Lansing moving forward -- in the face of some pretty strong headwinds.

The financial demise of cities across this state actually began a long time ago, starting with a 40-year trend of depopulation. As city residents moved to the suburbs, a lot of growth happened in the ring surrounding the city.

But it came at the expense of the financial stability and sustainability of the city itself. The core city was left with aging infrastructure and a shrinking tax base from which to generate the revenues needed to support essential public services.

This is the story of every major city in our state. We have hollowed out our cities; we have created a hole in the donut instead of creating the hub of the wheel.

We've been working hard to change that, starting with our efforts to reverse the trend of declining population through economic development and improving the quality and variety of our housing stock.

Those efforts are paying off. According to the latest Census data, Lansing's population has not only stopped shrinking, it has started growing again.

Despite an improving population trend, another major financial blow to our cities was having the rug pulled out from under us by the state. The state made a deal with cities - they would give us a cut of the state sales tax, as long as we agreed not to levy a local sales tax, and to limit other city taxes.

The state has repeatedly reneged on that deal, in Lansing's case to the tune of \$8 million a year since I've been mayor. Our city's average annual budget deficit over that same period was \$9.7 million. What a difference an extra \$8 million a year would have made.

Since 2001 we have lost more than \$60 million in state shared revenues.

As if that wasn't enough to drive cities over the financial cliff, the Great Recession came along to finish them off. The auto industry collapsed, then the real estate market, then the credit markets, and cities are left with a broken, outdated funding model.

It all added up to financial disaster, not just for city governments across the state, but for our employees, who took layoffs, furloughs and reduced benefits; for our retirees who saw the value of their pension investments sharply reduced; and for residents all across our city who saw the value of their homes drop by a third or more.

For city government it has meant the loss of millions in property tax revenues.

In the face of this swirling storm of financial bad news, our city has fared far better than most. In fact, Lansing is leading the way out of the Great Recession. We are ahead of the pack, ahead of the curve, and I intend to keep us there.

As I outlined in my State of the City speech, we have a lot to be proud of, and a lot of positive developments in Lansing. From a financial perspective, we'll have a balanced budget for the eighth straight year. And we'll take all prudent and necessary measures to keep and improve our double-A bond rating and stable outlook.

There is a reason why we are doing better than most cities, why we don't have an emergency financial manager and won't be needing one. It is because we didn't -- and won't -- bury our heads in the sand. We stepped up to the plate and made the tough decisions. We didn't ignore our problems or kick the can down the road; we tackled them head on.

The city's workforce today is nearly one-third smaller than when I took office. How many private companies could still provide their services with a third fewer employees?

We've cut nearly \$70 million in accumulated deficits over that same period. Many of these cuts have been borne by our employees, and there is a simple reason for that. We are a service business, and that means we are a people-intensive business.

In fact, 80 cents of every general fund dollar we spend is on our employees. That's why, when we are forced to cut millions from our budget, there is only so much we can squeeze from the 20% that is

NOT directly related to the cost of employees.

The decisions we've made to maintain a balanced budget have been tough, and we haven't made them alone. Our employees have been part of the solution. They have shared in the sacrifice.

Starting with my executive team, we have enacted significant reforms in employee benefits, and the savings are starting to show in our bottom line. Several of our employee unions have signed on to new health care plans, and we hope the rest will follow.

In recent years Teamsters 214 has made changes to active and retiree health care, and reduced their retirement multiplier. Our firefighters pay a 15% premium share for their health insurance -- more than any other city employees. Teamsters 580 has signed on to our new health care plans, and the UAW has made changes in healthcare and pension contributions.

I appreciate these sacrifices, but as the report of the Financial Health Team makes very clear, we still have work to do.

Last fall I asked some of our most respected leaders in the private and public sectors to review Lansing's financial health in the short and long term. Led by former mayor David Hollister, they worked diligently to provide a blueprint for a strong financial future for our city. They made specific recommendations for short-term, long-term and regional solutions to our financial challenges.

My proposed budget incorporates many of the Financial Health Team's recommendations. Some of their recommendations could not be included in this budget because they require additional analysis and work with our regional partners, and will have to be pursued as we move forward.

Other recommendations require the approval of the state legislature, or the cooperation of our employee unions, or another governmental entity like the school district or the county. We have already begun work on many of these recommendations.

In a few areas -- very few -- I did not follow an FHT recommendation because I disagree with it.

For example, I will not propose reducing the city's commitment to recreation programs for our youth. I understand the business case behind the FHT recommendation -- there are other providers for these services, including the school district and the YMCA. But none can replace the vital role of public recreation services to Lansing children.

The funds we spend on these activities are a critical investment in our young people, in their health and fitness, and in keeping them on the path to success. It is an investment in our cities' quality of life, and it must continue.

Nor will I propose reducing our commitment to helping those in need -- the city of Lansing supports key parts of the social safety net in the Lansing region, and I'm not going to reduce our human services efforts in these tough times, when the need is still so great.

Even as we work to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our community, we've still got tough decisions ahead. Let's not kid ourselves. The FHT report makes it very clear that we have long-term financial challenges that must be confronted and solved. Like nearly every other city in Michigan, our long-term pension and retiree healthcare obligations are underfunded.

The Great Recession took a great toll on the value of stock-based investments like pension funds, and the steady drumbeat of rising healthcare costs has driven the projected cost of retiree health care ever higher. In the years ahead we will have to put even more of our limited resources into funding these long-term obligations.

I want to state unequivocally that we will keep our promises to city retirees. But we will also find a way to pay for those obligations without bankrupting the City of Lansing.

With so much gloom and doom swirling around us, I'm pleased to report that we've got some good news, too. Our housing market is starting to rebound, and that means stronger property tax revenues for the city.

In January we predicted a \$1 million improvement in the projections we made last fall. We still expect to see an absolute decline in property tax revenues compared to last year, but not as much as previously estimated.

In fact, our recovery is moving faster than we thought, and we now project that property tax and other revenues will be another \$2 million higher, reducing the budget shortfall for FY14 from 9 million down to 7 million.

There's even more good news. Late last week we received updated rates for our employee health insurance plans. We were expecting a double-digit increase, and our budget projection reflected that. Our new rates for next year will be about \$2 million LOWER than predicted. This brings the budget gap for FY14 from \$7 million down to \$5 million.

This is additional validation for the changes we have made to employee health insurance. Now, some may think we don't need to do more to control healthcare costs if rates are not going up this year. I wish that was the case, but the reality is we will be required to continue reducing these costs, which remain far too high.

The fact that our projected budget deficit has fallen from \$11 million down to \$5 million is a strong indicator that we are on the right track.

My proposed budget keeps us on the right track, and closes the remaining budget gap, with a combination of new revenues, reduced expenditures, reorganizations, and strategic investments that will result in even more efficiencies and improvements in the delivery of essential public services.

In the area of public safety, the Financial Health Team recommended a \$1 million cut to the Lansing Police Department, plus \$700,000 in health care savings from the police union, and a \$2 million cut to the Lansing Fire Department.

I think most people's initial reaction to that would be to disagree. No one wants to see less police officers on the street. No one wants it to take longer for a fire truck or ambulance to get to your house if you need one.

But the FHT concluded that those spending reductions could be achieved without compromising the public safety services provided to city residents and businesses.

I don't disagree, but I first want to point out that the citizens of Lansing voted in 2011 to increase their property taxes by 4 mills to help pay for police, fire and roads.

Public safety continues to be MY number one priority. It is the most critical function of our city government.

With the help of the millage and additional federal grants secured by my administration, I'm pleased to tell you that we have now brought back to work the last of the police officers who were laid off when our economy -- and the city budget -- hit rock bottom two years ago.

All eleven firefighters who were laid off have also returned to work.

But the FHT is correct. We can achieve \$700,000 in savings if the Lansing police union agrees to participate in the city's new healthcare plans. We can save another \$200,000 by paying for more police

operations out of the drug forfeiture fund, for a total of \$900,000 in general fund savings.

In our fire department, we can achieve \$200,000 in savings by reorganizing the department's command structure, and we will move forward on that front in FY14.

Later this year, we will also begin negotiating with our fire union to achieve even more savings, while maintaining the high level of service our citizens expect. And we continue to work with East Lansing and our regional partners toward greater cooperation, collaboration and even consolidation of our separate fire departments.

Lansing's fire department also pays the Board of Water and Light for the use of the city's system of fire hydrants. This is a \$1.5 million payment per year to the BWL from the city's general fund.

The FHT proposed that we move this charge to the BWL water bill. It is equal to about 52 cents per week for an average residential customer.

It also brings the fire department budget to a \$1.7 million savings for FY14, most of the way to the FHT goal of \$2 million, and again, with no impact whatsoever on response times.

We also pay the BWL \$4 million a year from the general fund to run the city's streetlights. The FHT proposed that we move that charge to the BWL electric bill. It is equal to about 44 cents per week for an average residential customer.

Taken together, the hydrant and street light charges amount to \$46 a year for an average residential customer - less than a dollar a week.

This is also very close to the \$45 reduction in city property taxes we expect to see next year on a home with a market value of \$100,000. Considering the precipitous decline in property tax revenues -- the largest source of funding for our police and fire departments -- the hydrant and streetlight charges will help us continue to provide these vital services.

I realize some people will be upset by even a modest increase in these charges. I don't blame them. I don't like it much myself. But I ask you to consider what has happened to cities that can't maintain public safety and can't keep the street lights on.

Let me say again - that's not going to happen here. We will NOT turn the lights off in Lansing.

This proposal puts the charges for these basic public services where they belong - through their direct provider, the BWL, not through the general fund of the city. This is how it is done in other communities.

It is also part of the fundamental restructuring and rebalancing of the revenues that are required to pay for essential city services. We can no longer rely on state shared revenues or the uncertainties of the real estate market.

Together, the hydrant and streetlight charges will generate \$5.5 million in FY14.

What will we do with this money? In part it will compensate for the continued loss of property tax revenues in FY 2014, which will decline again in FY14 even though our projections have improved. This helps pay for the essential services we currently provide.

The rest we will INVEST in key strategic areas, including infrastructure, technology and public safety. My proposal includes:

- an additional \$1.5 million to repair roads and sidewalks;

- \$400,000 for payments on a \$2 million bond investment in critical technology upgrades and a cabinet-level Chief Information Officer to guide our modernization strategy;
- \$900,000 for two new fire engines for LFD; and
- \$100,000 for a new full-time cold case investigator for the LPD.

While we struggle to come up with additional funds to repair our crumbling streets, the state has continued to shirk their responsibility to prioritize these investments. Once again, the state forces us to increase our investment in fixing crumbling infrastructure as they sit and do nothing.

That's why my proposed budget almost doubles our expenditures on fixing neighborhood streets and sidewalks. The police, fire and roads millage will generate \$1.8 million for road repairs in FY14. I propose an additional \$1.3 million for roads and \$200,000 for sidewalks, for a total of \$3.3 million.

Transforming city government into a leaner, more efficient, more productive organization is a process that must and will continue. That means investing in the technology that drives virtually everything we do. Behind every city service you can name is a network and servers and software applications. Many of those systems are antiquated and must be modernized.

That's why the FHT and my FY14 budget propose a significant new investment in technology, leveraging our AA credit rating and historically low interest rates to issue a \$2 million technology bond.

We will also transition the city's current IT division, which is now part of the Finance Department, to a new Department of Information Technology, with a Cabinet-level Chief Information Officer to guide our efforts in this critical area.

The CIO will engage the Michigan Municipal Services Authority to determine if Lansing should participate in the statewide cloud-based financial management system now being developed by the cities of Grand Rapids and Livonia.

They will explore partnerships with the LSD, BWL and neighboring jurisdictions to provide shared IT services. We all use the same basic computing systems and the same office applications. We should be able to realize efficiencies -- and cost-savings - by working together. This, too, is a key recommendation of the FHT.

A recent newspaper article highlighted the fact that we can and must do better in the pursuit of cold cases - violent crimes that remain unsolved.

My budget proposes adding a new position to our investigations division -- a detective who is dedicated to pursuing leads and working to solve these cases. Knowing that we are stepping up our efforts to solve these crimes will also bring some comfort to the families who lost their loved ones.

Some might ask if we will still be able to add this detective position if the police union does not agree to health care savings? If we don't get an agreement, then we certainly would have to find \$700,000 elsewhere in the police budget. The new detective position could indeed be in jeopardy, as well as four, grant-funded, Community Police Officers, whose federal funding runs out in FY15.

We set aside money from the public safety millage in FY13 to keep those four Community Police Officers on the job when the grant expires next year. We certainly wouldn't want to do it, but if we can't get an agreement on health care, we would have to take that \$436,000, plus the cold case position, for a total of \$536,000. We would have to recover the remaining \$164,000 by holding vacant positions open, instead of filling them. Again, a route we do not want to

take, and I am sure can be avoided by working together.

I would far prefer that we hire the cold case detective, keep all of our Community Police Officers on the job, and continue to fill police officer positions when they come open.

The power to make that happen -- or not -- is in the hands of the police union and this Council.

For the past several years we have required our full-time, non-emergency employees to take furloughs -- a specified number of hours off work each month with no pay. In FY13, this represented a 5% pay cut for about half of our employees, and that resulted in a half-million dollar savings in the city budget.

The FHT recommended that we make furloughs permanent, then reduce the size of our workforce by an amount equal to the furloughs. The idea is that a smaller number of employees on a full-time schedule can work the same number of hours as more employees on a furloughed schedule.

I recognize that this is one way to continue reducing the size of our workforce. Another way is to restore our current workforce to a full-time schedule, and then use that extra capacity to continue to transform and streamline city government to achieve a smaller workforce over the longer term.

I have chosen the latter path. My budget proposal for FY14 eliminates furloughs for city employees, both as a gesture of goodwill toward our employees, who have made a lot of sacrifices over the last few years, and to get our city workforce back up to full strength so we can provide the quality services our citizens expect, and work as a team to make city government more efficient and more effective.

A key part of institutional change is having the internal capacity to actually do it. You must have the resources to plan the changes, and enough staff to keep the business of the city moving forward, while simultaneously developing new, more efficient ways of doing business.

In the resource-challenged environment that currently exists in our city government -- one-third less employees performing the same amount of work -- it is unreasonable to expect that we can deliver quality services and change how we operate without our full-time employees working a full-time schedule.

My proposed general fund budget for FY14 is \$112 million. This is exactly the same amount I proposed six years ago for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. We are operating with the same amount of money we had then, yet our costs have increased every year since then. Adjusted for inflation, my proposed budget is still less than the last budget Mayor Hollister proposed over a decade ago.

Property tax revenues for FY14 are projected at \$37 million -- the same amount we collected in Fiscal Year 2008, but that's only because of the additional millage passed by voters in 2011. Without the millage we would be in a far worse financial shape, and would likely have less police officers and less firefighters.

Yet the cost of operating any business increases each year due to inflation in the cost of things like the supplies we purchase, the energy we use, and in employee compensation, especially health insurance and pension costs.

The revenue that pays for these things also needs to grow to keep up with the cost increases. In a healthy real estate market, that's exactly what happens. Property values grow over time, and so do property tax revenues.

Over the past seven years the exact opposite has happened.

With these fundamental changes in our primary funding sources -- a

seemingly permanent reduction in state shared revenues and a lost decade of property taxes -- we must find a more stable, predictable way to finance municipal government.

The evidence is overwhelming that the model for financing municipal government is broken, and it must be fixed. I have invited Governor Snyder to partner with us to figure out solutions, but in the meantime we have to start making it happen ourselves.

We will have to be more reliant on charging fees that cover our actual costs of providing services. It is no different than the private sector: A business that doesn't charge customers enough to cover its operating costs will fail.

Toward this end, my budget proposes a little more than a half-million dollars in fee increases. The largest portion of the proposed increase is in ambulance fees, most of which is reimbursed by insurance. As we did last year, my proposal for FY14 pegs our ambulance rates to the insurance reimbursement rate.

One measure that is not in my budget proposal is the possible refinancing of our Tax Increment Finance Authority or TIFA. Our TIFA is running a deficit due to the historic decline in property values, and also because three state office buildings have been taken off our tax rolls in recent years, costing the TIFA more than \$2.3 million annually.

We are aggressively pursuing a plan to refinance the TIFA debt, taking advantage of historically low interest rates, which would eliminate the need for our general fund to subsidize the TIFA in FY14. However, any such refinancing will require an act of the state legislature. We will seek that authorization, but we can not be certain that such action will be forthcoming in time or at all.

For this reason the potential savings from refinancing the TIFA are not included in my budget proposal. I am, however, outlining a plan for using the estimated \$1.4 million in savings, if the refinancing is approved by the legislature.

Half of the proceeds -- about \$700,000 -- should be returned to our rainy day fund, consistent with the recommendation of the FHT to increase our reserves by \$1 million. Our reserves have dwindled to dangerously low levels due to the Great Recession, and we must rebuild them to ensure that we have resources available for an emergency and to keep a strong city credit rating.

The other half should go to pre-funding retiree health insurance, also recommended for a million dollar increase by the FHT. We must continue to address the long-term financial obligations to our 1,400 retirees. It is in their interest, as well as our own, to ensure that we have financially sound retirement plans.

In FY14 I propose a number of additional measures designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our city government.

- We will utilize vacant space on the fifth floor of City Hall to consolidate city records storage in our own building, rather than paying someone else to house and manage them.
- We will work with the BWL on a joint purchasing agreement, to take advantage of the fact that we buy many of the same supplies and services. It is a natural fit with our hometown power company.
- My budget proposes moving the city's pension analyst out of the general fund and to our pension funds. Obviously the pension funds should be paying for their own analyst, not shifting that cost to taxpayers. This can be done in a way that won't impact the health of the systems and results in a significant savings to our general fund.

I will also propose reorganizing several aspects of our city government, beginning with our parking enforcement division.

- Our parking enforcement staff will become civilian employees of the Lansing Police Department. It has never made sense for our Planning and Neighborhood Development department to be in the business of writing parking tickets. This realignment puts this function where it belongs.
- We also propose to move our Code Compliance division to the office of the Fire Marshall, again matching up core functions with the agency that is best-suited to provide them, streamlining operations and improving efficiency.

We will pursue these and other measures to streamline our city government and get more bang from the taxpayer's buck.

My friends, Lansing has survived the Great Recession! We've come through the storm and we are alive and well. That's something to be proud of.

We did it by pulling together, being nimble, innovative and through sacrifice. Now that the storm has passed, it is clearer than ever that we have work to do. And I have every confidence we are up to the challenge.

Lansing is NOT going the way of some other cities that stayed in denial until it was too late. We know what needs to be done and we are committed to doing the heavy lifting - This year, next year and the next - to get and keep Lansing on the road to financial health.

But we will do more than crunch the numbers. We will never forget that when numbers are crunched, people can get squeezed.

So we will balance the budget and make tough decisions that put people first.

We will apply business sense but never forget that the business we are in is serving the people of Lansing and preserving the quality of life here.

Having come through the storm, I must tell you that I have never been more excited about Lansing's future than I am standing here tonight. We have challenges, but we are up to them.

We can turn the stumbling blocks to stepping stones and the lemons into lemonade if only we can pull together - all of us - and begin rowing in the same direction. Let's not make the mistake that some other communities have of spending so much energy fighting one another internally, that the state must come in and settle things for us.

We can do this. We have the tools. We have the vision. This budget will help take us where we need to go.

Council Members, friends here and at home, make no mistake: Lansing is powered up and poised to be a productive powerhouse on a myriad of fronts. We are yet becoming that world class city that David Hollister challenged us to be. We will be one of the great Midwestern capital cities. Have no doubt. Lansing is on its way back up.

Council Member Yorko arrived at 7:08 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND CITY CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Member Washington spoke about the Open Meetings Act.

Council Member Quinney announced the Cesar E. Chavez celebration.

He spoke about the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.'s Founders' Day Awards Ceremony.

Council Member Boles Robinson announced the City's Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Observance. She announced a showing of the documentary film *Miss Representation*.

Council Member Yorko announced meetings of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and Walnut Neighborhood Association. She announced the Sierra Club, Central Michigan Chapter's monthly education program.

Council Member Wood announced the Sikh Parade. She announced a program on the impacts of sexual assault. She spoke about the City Council budget hearing schedule.

Council Member Boles Robinson announced the Board of Water & Light's Dancing With the Stars fundraiser for Pennies for Power. She spoke about the upcoming Special Ceremony for Sandy Allen.

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on legislative matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Executive Assistant to Mayor Bernero, Randy Hannan, spoke about the Cesar E. Chavez events. He congratulated the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.'s Founders' Day Award winners. He spoke about the Feed the Children Spring Break program. He spoke about the kick-off of the Financial Empowerment Center. He thanked City Council for moving forward with the General Motors IFT application.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Alfreda Schmidt spoke in favor of naming of the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center's Community Room as the Sandy Allen Community Room.

Claude Beavers spoke against the General Motors IFT application and in favor of the Sandy Allen Community Room renaming.

Darnell E. Oldham Sr. spoke against the General Motors IFT application.

Kathi Raffone spoke against the General Motors IFT application.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

By Council Member Boles Robinson

To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, and 4a

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-045

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, for over thirty years the Greater Lansing Area Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (GLAC-NANBPWC) has been an integral part of the greater Lansing area community; and

WHEREAS, GLAC members are the heart of the community who contribute and volunteer to various causes that encourage and empower women, support the advancement of professional and business development, and invest in our youth; and

WHEREAS, the success of the annual Founders' Day Awards Brunch is credited largely to our supporters and sponsors who lend their names and financial support each year to provide a Lansing Community College student with financial assistance and support the development of our youth as we prepare them to be responsible leaders that contribute to our community; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Founders' Day Awards Brunch will celebrate their 31st Anniversary "Women Leading with Limitless Possibilities" on Saturday, April 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, inspired by their national mentor, Sojourner Truth, the Greater Lansing Area Club, strives to emulate her outstanding leadership qualities, community service, and improving the quality of life for the community at large, with a special emphasis on youths;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to express its appreciation to the Greater Lansing Area Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. for their continued dedication to uplifting our youth and recognizing individuals whose contributions to the community have blazed a path for our youth to true fellowship and community spirit.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-046

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Eleanor Kue, M.D. was born and raised in Cameroon, central Africa and at age sixteen, her father sent her to France to study medicine, despite her dream to study engineering. In 1992, Eleanor married her high school sweetheart, and while on their honeymoon in Alabama fell in love with the USA, and made a decision to leave France to build a life in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of working hard to finish school, working and building their life, Eleanor found salvation in the Word of God and received Christ as her Lord and Savior. The predilection of expanding her knowledge naturally guided her to divert her educational efforts to the Bible, and attendance at the Mount Hope Bible Training Institute to know and understand more completely the words of God; and

WHEREAS, inspired by missives, in 2006, she and her family took their first mission trip to Panama with "Youth with a Mission". It was during this trip that things naturally fell into place, and her love of medicine and of God met on the same path leading to the opening of a clinic to carry out her missionary work in her own community, healing her own friends, family, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2009, having gathered enough resources, they opened the door to the public at His Healing Hands Complete Healing Center; and

WHEREAS, in the first week of being open, only three patients visited, but word spread and today they see 150 patients per week, providing more than 15,000 medical visits to the uninsured or underinsured;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to thank Eleanor Kue for her vision, perseverance, and blessed gift to heal. Congratulations, Eleanor, on being awarded the Greater Lansing Area Club, Inc. of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.'s "Community Service" Award. We wish you continued success!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-047

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Martha M. Bibbs served as the first African American and first female State Personnel Director for the State of Michigan, implementing the policies of the State Civil Service Commission for up to 70,000 employees in the classified workforce; and

WHEREAS, her tenure was marked by the promotion of excellence with a focus on quality customer oriented public service, and in 1990, she was recognized by the MSU antidiscrimination Judicial Board and Minority Advisory Council for her outstanding achievement in promoting affirmative action and equal opportunity in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bibb's contributions to the field of human resources includes experience consulting in the Virgin Islands, the State of Minnesota Legislative Service, the State of Oklahoma, the Flint Civil Service Commission, and advising employer and union officials in Durban, South Africa; and

WHEREAS, she was elected by her peers to serve an unprecedented two terms as President of the National Association of State Personnel Executives, where she represented Personnel Executives nationwide on the National Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bibb's served on the Secretary of Labor's Task Force on Excellence in State and Local Government through Labor Management Cooperation, as Chair of the State Employees Retirement Board, as a member of the Women's Commission where she chaired a committee researching Women on Corporate Boards. She also served as a Cabinet member under two Governors; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the (BCFI) Black Child and Family Institute, and is well known for her tireless, passionate advocacy, and fundraising for children and families. Under her leadership, the Magic Johnson computer Lab was created, and the nationally acclaimed Children's Defense Fund Freedom School was made available at BCFI; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bibb's' has been the recipient of numerous professional and community awards, including, the prestigious Crystal Apple Award, the Diana Award, the National Rooney Award for Leadership, the MSU College of Social Science Outstanding Alumni of the Year, Leadership Award in Disability Management, the National Women in Public Administration Joan Fiss Bishop Women's Hall of Fame Award in 2000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, extends its appreciation to Martha M. Bibb's for her extraordinary contributions to the City of Lansing and the State of Michigan through her missions and her work. Congratulations on being awarded the honorable "Sojourner Truth" Award by the Greater Lansing Area Club, Inc. of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs. We wish you many happy returns!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-048

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Eugene L. Cain is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, where he graduated from Western Olin High School, and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree in history with minors in economics and English from Talladega College. He earned his Master's Degree in education and his PhD. in curriculum and instruction from Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cain currently serves as Chief School Administrator for Lansing's El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Academy, where under his leadership, the school was cited in a 2011 special Michigan State Board of Education report as a school that is "beating the odds" because his students are achieving at high levels, despite the fact that 97% of them are considered "poor". This year, the school received its third consecutive "A" Rating from the Michigan Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, he has served on numerous boards and commissions, including as past Chairman of the Education Committee of the Lansing NAACP Chapter, co-chairman for Lansing's United Negro College Fund drive, member of the College of Education for both Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. He has also served as Chairman of the National Dropout Prevention Network, an organization that he was instrumental in helping to organize; and

WHEREAS, in April 2003, Dr. Cain received the Whitney Young Award for the Lansing Chapter Boy Scouts of America, the Lansing Black Child & Family Institute's "Soaring Beyond Excellence" award, and was honored with resolutions from the Michigan Legislature on four different occasions over the years for his many contributions to education in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cain served as the founding principal of Mid-Michigan Public School Academy in his early years and as a writer and reviewer for several major textbook companies. He is called upon frequently by universities and school districts to share his expertise on urban education; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2005, Mayor Tony Benavides proclaimed it "Dr. Eugene Cain Day" for outstanding leadership in education and his commitment to excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to express its appreciation for Dr. Eugene L. Cain's many contributions to Lansing through his community service and educational efforts. Congratulations on being the proud recipient of the "Frederick Douglass" Award from Greater Lansing Area Club, Inc. of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-049

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Re'Shane L. Lonzo is a graduate of Michigan State University and a certified Master Level Tutor with the National Tutorial Association and the Michigan Tutorial Association; and

WHEREAS, Steve Lonzo earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Grand Valley State University and is currently the Principal at Willow Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, he also serves as CEO of DRM Genesis Home Healthcare Providers of Lansing, developing its annual operating budget and leads the annual strategic planning process with the management staff; and

WHEREAS, Re'Shane, ever an entrepreneur, and her husband, Steve Lonzo, started DRM Genesis Home Healthcare Providers ten years ago with one client and one employee. The home now employs over fifty home health aides, certified nurse aides, and licensed nurses to care for over forty home care clients. DRM Genesis specializes in care for patients with traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's and dementia; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with DRM Genesis Home Healthcare Providers, Re'Shane also works with Lansing area schools in designing mentoring and tutoring programs and has served on the Board of Directors at Lakeside Christian School in East Lansing; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves on the board of directors for New Life SIWD, a non-profit organization aligned with helping underserved community residents, and for Women's Opportunity House, another non-profit which was established to bolster women who are struggling; and

WHEREAS, Re'Shane and Steve Lonzo are leaders in their fields, and dedicated to serving their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to congratulate Re'Shane and Steve Lonzo on receiving the "Business Excellence" Award from the Greater Lansing Area Club, Inc. of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. We wish you continued success!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-050

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Sophia Marie Simon is a seventh grade student of MacDonald Middle School, and an active member of the Trinity A.M.E. Church where she serves as a member of the Youth Choir, Junior Usher Board, and the Young People's Division; and

WHEREAS, she volunteers monthly at the Lansing Rescue Mission, assembles and distributes meals during her spring break for Lansing's Feed the Children Program, and has volunteered as an actress in commercials for St. Vincent Catholic Charities to promote volunteerism in the community. Within the last year, Sophia has completed over fifty hours of community service through her memberships in Les Meres et Debutantes and Jack & Jill of America, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Sophia was awarded the United States of America Presidential Award for Academic Excellence in recognition of her exceptional leadership, strong work ethic, and dedicated service to her community; and

WHEREAS, she has been featured in local productions of "Fences" and "Living the Dreams of Our Ancestors", an in the Michigan Dairy Association's "Chocolate Milk" Campaign and was chosen as the cover model for the April 2012 edition of Metro Parent Magazine; and

WHEREAS, Sophia plans to attend law school and become the CEO of her own Public Relations Firm;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to commend Sophia Marie Simon on her many accomplishments and extend a hearty congratulations on receiving a "Youth on the Move" Award from the Greater Lansing Area Club, Inc. of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-051

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, AaLiyah Cheyenne Nixon is currently a senior at JW Sexton High School, where she maintains a 3.202 GPA, is a writer and photographer for the School Newspaper, "The Zodiac", and recipient of an Academic Sports letter for Tennis; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, AaLiyah will attend college seeking to enroll in a pre-med program; and

WHEREAS, she is an active member of the Friendship Baptist Church, where she has helped with their Children's Church, Vacation Bible School., Sunday School programs, and served as hostess for other church programs and functions; and

WHEREAS, AaLiyah is serving her second term as Club President of the Greater Lansing Area National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Youth Club (GLAC-NBPW) and has been a members since 2006. As a member, she has received years of training and volunteer service as a member here in Lansing as well as participating in training programs at several Northern Area Meetings, North Central District Conferences and National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the church and GLAC-NBPW, she is a member of the Junior Advisory Board since 2007, a member of Sisterhood since 2011, and more recently a member of the Drama Club for which she was inducted into the International Thespian Club, and a member of the Youth Advisory Board of Pregnancy Prevention Partnership; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, wishes to congratulate AaLiyah Cheyenne Nixon on her many accomplishments and offer its congratulations on being awarded the "Youth on the Move" Award by the Greater Lansing Area National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. Best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors!

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-052

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BOLES ROBINSON, DUNBAR,
HOUGHTON, JEFFRIES, QUINNEY, WASHINGTON, WOOD, AND
YORKO
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS: César E. Chávez was born on March 31, 1927 and on April 23, 1993, died of natural causes in San Luis, Arizona; and

WHEREAS: César E. Chavez's dedication to non-violence, public service, community, and respect for all cultures continues to serve as an inspiration to others who wish for a more peaceful and just society; and

WHEREAS: The theme for this year's observance is "Let's live up to his example" a quote of President Barack Obama at the dedication of the National César E. Chávez Center; and

WHEREAS: As co-founder and leader of the United Farm Workers for over 30 years César E. Chávez showed great determination in bringing unity, fair wages, respect and humane living conditions to hundreds of thousands of farm workers throughout the country; and

WHEREAS: On March 28, 2013, the City of Lansing will host the 5th Annual César E. Chávez Memorial Observance honoring this great national leader; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lansing City Council, hereby proclaims March 28, 2013 "César E. Chávez Day" in the City of Lansing and urge all citizens to join me in honoring the life and memory of this great labor leader, role model and hero of our United States of America.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION #2013-053

BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, Sandy Allen has committed more than 16 years of her life to serving as a City Councilmember and to numerous other efforts to improve the quality of life in the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure, Sandy was known for being an active and community-oriented councilmember: painting houses for Habitat for Humanity, participating in trash pick-ups in the 2nd Ward, planting flowers, performing for charitable fundraisers, and mentoring students in Lansing schools; and

WHEREAS, Sandy is a lifelong resident of Lansing, having attended Eastern High School, Lansing Community College, and Michigan State University. She was the secretary to a Michigan State Senator for 14 years and was an Executive Secretary at Michigan National Bank for another 14 years. Sandy served as a Councilmember for the City of Lansing for four terms; and

WHEREAS, Sandy is a proud mother of three and grandmother of five. Her hobbies include flower arranging, community theater, knitting, and ballroom dancing; and

WHEREAS, Sandy's dedication to the City of Lansing community and her Second Ward constituents has been diverse and multifaceted, including her participation on numerous boards and commissions, as well as her tireless advocacy for youth, such as her "Youth in Government Day" program at City Hall for high school government students; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Allen was one of the driving forces for the establishment of a Southside Community Center and rallied twice during her years on Council to establish ad-hoc committees to move forward with the Center, which culminated in the opening of the Center on October 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of Sandy Allen's lifetime of excellence and service to the community, as well as her advocacy for the creation of the Southside Community Center, the Lansing City Council recommends that the Lansing School District rename the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center's Community Room after Sandy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby supports naming the Community Room at the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center in honor of Sandy Allen. She has proven to be a pillar of the community, someone who epitomizes the values, professionalism, and compassion of a true leader.

Adopted as part of the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS**RESOLUTION #2013-054**

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

SLU-7-2012
Church in the "D-1" Professional Office District
2405 E. Mt. Hope Avenue

WHEREAS, the applicant, Kaleo Church of Lansing, has requested a Special Land Use permit (SLU-7-2012) to utilize the existing building at 2405 E. Mt. Hope Avenue for a church; and

WHEREAS, the property is zoned "D-1" Professional Office District, where churches are permitted subject to obtaining a special land use permit; and

WHEREAS, a review was completed by staff evaluating the character, location and impact this proposal would have on the surrounding area and the impact on the environment, utilities, services and compliance with the Zoning Code and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on January 8, 2013, at which the applicant spoke in favor of her request and no other comments were received; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, at its January 8, 2013 meeting, voted (5-0) to recommend approval of SLU-7-2012 to utilize the existing building at 2405 E. Mt. Hope Avenue for a church with the condition that the seating capacity of the church is limited to the amount of available parking;

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing regarding SLU-7-2012; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Development and Planning has reviewed the report and recommendation of the Planning Board and concurs therewith; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council hereby approves SLU-7-2012 to utilize the existing building at 2405 E. Mt. Hope Avenue for a church, with the condition that the seating capacity of the church is limited to the amount of available parking

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Special Land Use permit shall remain in effect only so long as the petitioner fully complies with this resolution, and if the petitioner fails to comply, the Special Land Use permit may be terminated by City Council Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that in granting this request, the City Council determines the following:

1. The proposed church is compatible with the essential character of the surrounding area, as designed.
2. The proposed church will not change the essential character of the surrounding area.
3. The proposed church will not interfere with the general enjoyment of adjacent properties.
4. The proposed church will not impact adjacent properties as it will not be detrimental to the use or character of the property under consideration.
5. The proposed church will not impact the health, safety and welfare of persons or property in the surrounding area.
6. The proposed church can be adequately served by essential public facilities and services.
7. The proposed church will not place any demands on public services and facilities in excess of current capacities.

8. The proposed church is consistent with the intent and purposes of the Zoning Code and the Design Lansing Master Plan.
9. The proposed parking ramp will comply with the requirements of the "D-1" Professional Office District.

By Council Member Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-055

BY THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing received and filed an application from General Motors LLC requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-1-13) pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended; and

WHEREAS, prior to acting upon this request, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on GM's application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-1-13), to allow for any resident or taxpayer or ad valorem taxing unit the right to appear and be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held in the City Council Chambers of the City of Lansing, 10th Floor, Lansing City Hall, Lansing, Michigan, on the 15th day of April, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., on the General Motors LLC application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFT-1-13) located at 920 Townsend Avenue within the boundary more particularly described as:

PARTS SECS 20 & 21, AND ALL LOTS, BLOCKS, PLATS, VACATED STREETS & ALLEYS LYING WITHIN PARCEL DESC AS: COM INTN C/L WILLIAM ST & E LINE M-99, TH E TO W LINE BUTLER ST EXT'D S, N TO SE COR ZUBKUS WAY, N'LY TO S LINE MAIN ST, E TO W LINE WALNUT ST, S TO N LINE WILLIAM ST, E TO W LINE TOWNSEND ST, S TO N LINE ELM ST, E TO W BANK GRAND RIVER, S'LY TO N LINE GTW RR R/W, W'LY TO E LINE M-99, N TO BEG, EXC PARTS USED FOR CITY OR MDOT STREET PURPOSES; SEC 21 T4N R2W,

and that the City Clerk cause to be published in a publication of general circulation giving notice of such hearing, and that the City Clerk also cause the legislative body of each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes on this property, as well as the owners of real property located within the stated boundary, be notified by certified mail of this application and the scheduled public hearing.

By Council Member Jeffries

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-056

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE
PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is currently soliciting applications for candidate projects for the Local Bridge Program to be funded in the 2016 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS May 1, 2013 is the deadline for submitting the applications; and

WHEREAS up to five bridge projects can be submitted for funding in accordance with the MDOT Call for Projects issued on January 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS the City of Lansing, Public Service Department, intends to submit Local Bridge Program funding applications to MDOT for the following five structures, listed in order of priority:

<u>Structure</u>	<u>Funding Category</u>
1) Aurelius Road Bridge over Grand Trunk Railroad	Replacement
2) East Elm Street over Red Cedar River	Replacement
3) Jolly Road over Sycamore Creek	Capital Preventive Maintenance
4) Cavanaugh Road over Sycamore Creek	Capital Preventive Maintenance
5) Shiawassee Street over Grand River	Capital Preventive Maintenance

WHEREAS, if successful, the City would receive state or federal funding to finance 95% of construction cost, and the City would fund 5% of the construction and 100% of the engineering costs for any bridge project selected; and

WHEREAS the estimated total construction cost of all five listed structures is approximately \$5,346,000 in 2016 dollars and estimated costs for the City's share of construction and engineering total approximately \$1,337,000 for all five structures; and

WHEREAS the first priority project is estimated to have a 2016 construction cost of \$2,189,000 and the estimated 2016 costs for the City's share of construction and engineering is \$547,000; and

WHEREAS any one or any combination of the five projects could be approved for 2016 funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council approves the submittal of the FY 2016 funding applications for the MDOT's Local Bridge Program as listed above and in the priority listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon grant award, the Mayor is authorized through the Public Service Director to appropriate administratively the necessary accounts for the Local Bridge Program 2016 funding and City costs associated with any bridge project selected will be budgeted in ACT 51 funds.

By Council Member Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2013-057

BY THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, the City of Lansing is named as defendant in a workers' compensation action, WC09002649001, involving alleged work related injuries/illnesses;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that the action be resolved by virtue of entering into a settlement agreement, in which, the City of Lansing would agree to pay Plaintiff the sum of \$40,000.00 in exchange for a complete redemption and release of the City from any past, present, and future liability regarding any alleged injuries/illnesses whatsoever;

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement is recommended by the Mayor, the Human Resources Department, the City of Lansing's Fund Administrator, and the City Attorney;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council, hereby, approve payment of \$40,000.00 pursuant to said proposed settlement agreement as a full and final settlement of said action.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Law Department is authorized to prepare and execute the requisite documents to complete settlement of the aforementioned lawsuit.

By Council Member Boles Robinson

Motion Carried

SPEAKER REGISTRATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS

City Clerk Swope announced that the public comment registration form(s) for those intending to address Council on City government matters will be collected and that only those persons who have fully completed the form(s) will be permitted to speak.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS; COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS; AND OTHER CITY RELATED MATTERS

By Vice President Boles Robinson that all items be considered as being read in full and that President Wood make the appropriate referrals.

Motion Carried

Reports from City Officers, Boards and Commissions:

a. Letter(s) from the Mayor re:

- i. An ordinance to repeal Section 1282.03 and replace it with a new Section 1282.03 permitting the grant of a Special Land Use on the condition that it will not result in a change to the site plan submitted in conjunction with application for the Special Land Use

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- ii. Proposed CDBG consolidated strategy and plan submission to HUD for FY 2013-14

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iii. Z-5-2012, 600 E. Michigan Avenue, Rezoning from "H" Light Industrial District to "G-1" Business District

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- iv. Fiscal Year 2014 Executive Budget Recommendation

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Communications and Petitions, and Other City Related Matters:

- a. Letter from Comcast regarding channel lineup changes

REFERRED TO THE CABLE ADVISORY BOARD

- b. Letter from Walter Matt regarding the City of Lansing Budget

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- c. Claim Denial Appeal submitted by Mary (Mitzi) Carol

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SERVICES AND REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

REMARKS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Wood spoke about the budget hearing schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CITY GOVERNMENT RELATED MATTERS:

Alfreda Schmidt spoke about the Sandy Allen Community Room.

Claude Beavers spoke about the City Budget and the Sandy Allen Community Room.

Michael Mercer spoke about various City matters.

Darnell Oldham, Sr. spoke about various City matters.

Russell Terry spoke about various City matters.

Kathi Raffone spoke about various City matters.

L. W. Morrow spoke about dog control.

ADJOURNED TIME 8:41 P.M.

CHRIS SWOPE, CITY CLERK